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Patent
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/101,341

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND
ABSORBENT ARTICLES
INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN
QUESTION



Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: E. White

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

✓ Please amend Claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ A method of producing polysaccharide fibres, comprising the
steps of dissolving a polysaccharide in a solvent, ~~thereby forming a solution,~~ and spraying

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